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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive the Letters Patent from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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